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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 14 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1-7 (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A device for a thermal treatment of flour for hygienic purposes, said device having a heatable mixer, drying and cooling equipment, filters and discharge equipment, wherein

- the heatable mixer is a batch mixer which is connected to a dryer/cooler, and
- the dryer/cooler is connected by a valve system to a second batch mixer which has devices for adding additives.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the second batch mixer has a device having nozzle bars.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, further comprising a heating duct of a heating register for hygienic treatment or for cleaning of the device.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, further comprising a heating duct of a heating register for hygienic treatment or for cleaning of the device.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, further comprising another drying/cooler and/or batch mixer acting independently of one another.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, further comprising another

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